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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, KS, RP, FR

SUBJECT: OLIVIER GISCARD D'ESTAING REPORTS ON HIS TRIP  
TO FAR EAST

1. OLIVIER GISCARD D'ESTAING, BROTHER OF THE PRESIDENT  
AND ADMINISTRATOR OF INSEAD (INSTITUT EUROPEEN DES  
ETUDES D'ADMINISTRATION D'AFFAIRES) IN FONTAINEBLEAU,  
SPOKE TO A SELECT GROUP AT THE CENTRE D'ETUDES DE  
POLITIQUE ETRANGERE (20 JUNE) ON HIS IMPRESSIONS FROM  
A MONTH-LONG VISIT TO THE FAR EAST.

2. A PARTICIPANT OF THE CONFERENCE TOLD LABATT THAT  
THE CENTRAL THEME OF OGE PRESENTATION WAS THAT ALL  
ASIAN POLITICAL LEADERS HE HAD MET SPOKE OF THE  
NEED TO RE-THINK THEIR NATIONAL POLICIES IN TERMS OF  
GREATER DETACHMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE MOST  
OUTSPOKEN IN THIS RESPECT WAS PRESIDENT MARCOS OF  
THE PHILIPPINES WHO SPOKE OF DEMANDING THE EVACUATION  
OF AMERICAN NAVAL BASES WITHIN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS  
AND ASKED FOR FRENCH ADVICE AND INVESTMENT IN CONNECT-  
ION WITH THE CONVERSION OF THESE NAVAL BASES TO MERCHANT  
MARINE USE. MARCOS DID NOT MENTION US AIR FORCE BASES.

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3. OGE WAS IMPRESSED BY STATE OF MILITARY PREPAREDNESS  
MAINTAINED BY SOUTH KOREA AND THE NATIONAL WILL EX-  
PRESSED BY PRESIDENT PARK AND OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS  
TO DEFEND SOUTH KOREA REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE AMERICANS

MAY DO. ACCORDING TO OGE, PARK CLAIMED A SOUTH KOREAN CAPABILITY TO DEVELOP ATOMIC WEAPONS WHICH HE SAID HE WOULD BE READY TO USE IF THE US DID NOT COME TO SOUTH KOREA'S AID IN THE EVENT OF AN ATTACK FROM THE NORTH.

4. SOURCE, WHO IS PART-TIME ADVISER TO MATIGNON, ADDED THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME GOF HAS HEARD OF SOUTH KOREA'S CLAIM TO NUCLEAR CAPABILITY WHICH HAD PROMPTED THE PM'S OFFICE TO ASK FOR AN ASSESSMENT BY THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. HE ADDED THAT HE READ RECENTLY A DEFENSE PAPER WHICH TOOK THE POSITION THAT SUCH CAPABILITY CANNOT BE RULED OUT BUT PROBABLY WOULD REQUIRE SOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.

5. SOURCE REPORTED ALSO THAT THE SIGH OF RELIEF AND APPROVAL WAS MORE THAN AUDIBLE AT THE RECENT STAFF MEETING CHAIRED BY THE PRIME MINISTER FOLLOWING SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT WHICH DID NOT RULE OUT USE BY US OF ATOMIC WEAPONS IN THE EVENT OF A NORTH KOREAN AGGRESSION AGAINST THE SOUTH.  
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